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The reply brief filed on 1/8/07 has not been considered because it is not in compliance with 37 CFR 41.41(a). The reply brief was not filed within the non-extendable time period set in 37 CFR 41.41(a)(1). Appellant has included a certificate of mailing dated January 3, 2007. However, the Examiner's Answer was mailed November 2, 2006. Thus, the two-month period for response ended January 2, 2007.

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